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The local Salvation Army has officially launched its annual Kettle Drive. **Pg. 18**



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BIG NEWS FOR ANDREWS
Andrews Scenic Acres has been sold, and the company receives Business of the Month. **Pg. 15**



SANTA CLAUS PARADE 2016: The 2016 Santa Claus Parades took place this weekend in Halton Hills with a very special guest in attendance. Above, Santa and Mrs. Claus wave to the excited crowd from their horse drawn carriage during the Acton Santa Claus Parade.

Photo by Ray Lavender
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Appeal denied in crash that killed former Georgetown man

By Julie Slack
Metroland Media Group

The appeal of a Milton truck driver found guilty of charges related to the 2010 head-on crash that killed an Oakville man was dismissed by Ontario's Court of Appeal last Wednesday (Nov. 16).
A jury convicted Lakhvinder Singh Bhangal, 46, of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death and criminal negligence causing death. In December 2013, he was sentenced to five years in prison. Justice C. William Hourigan also imposed a 15-year driving prohibition.

During the trial, court heard Bhangal was travelling along Regional Rd. 25 near Lower Baseline, where the transport truck he was driving crossed the centre line and veered into the path of a van. The vehicles collided head-on.

The lone occupant of the van, Alan Larocque, 38, was killed instantly.
The Oakville man, formerly a long-time resident of Georgetown, was a Bon Jovi tribute artist. He played in a band that toured the province.
He was driving home from a show in Guelph on March 27 when the early-morning collision occurred.

Despite having his seatbelt fastened, Larocque was thrown from his vehicle, which was destroyed by the collision's impact.
A three-member Court of Appeal for Ontario dismissed the sentence appeal made three years ago. That sentence came after court heard details about the crash and the events leading up to it.

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